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To be free-minded and cheerfully disposed at hours of meat and of sleep and of exercise is one of the best precepts.—Racon.

CHIEF THURSTON VINDICATED

Objections to Chief Thurston of the fire department, raised by Mr. R. H. Trent and urged less openly by a number of Democrats who evidently view the department as a potential stronghold of political patronage, were answered promptly, completely and emphatically by the firemen themselves in the communication published by the Star-Bulletin yesterday.

This paper takes peculiar pleasure in presenting the statement of the firemen, because, after all, the men who know the chief best are the men who work directly under him. If there were too much politics in his department, they would know it first. If the chief were forcing his firemen to rent cottages from him, if he were making this a practice for the sake of the revenue derived, the firemen would know it first and probably would have complained long ago. Certainly, at a time when the chief is under public attack, the firemen would not have come so promptly to his defense if they felt ill-treated, abused or mulcted for his financial benefit.

Forty-three firemen signed a letter defending the chief against both the accusation of pernicious activity in politics in his department and the accusation that he is using his official position as a club to rent his cottages to subordinates in the department. Does anyone believe that the chief's men would so quickly and frankly rally to his defense unless he has their whole-hearted support? And, if the accusations are true, is there any possibility that he could have such support?

We believe that Mr. Trent has been misinformed. Without question this lively little controversy has strengthened the chief greatly in public opinion. Thurston has come out with the credit of having his department behind him.

We do not believe that the mayor and supervisors will drop Chief Thurston. Public sentiment is too well united against such a plan and several members of the board, we feel assured, have no idea of sacrificing efficiency to politics. The danger is that some other position in the department, that of assistant chief, probably, will be made the political plum for party picking. The present assistant chief, W. W. Blaisdell, has risen from the ranks and Chief Thurston says that if he himself were disabled in fighting a fire, his assistant could carry the department forward.

The present organization of the department is good. It is one of the few branches of city government that has not been made the target of complaint on the score of inefficiency. As a matter of practical politics, it is to be recognized that the Democratic party has to satisfy a host of clamoring brethren who helped vote that party into power. But the Democrats should recognize also that it was the independent Republican voter in this last campaign who swung the balance toward the Democrats. The independent Republican was the man who turned the tide of victory to Democracy. And the independent Republican voters, together with plenty of good Democrats,—plenty of them,—are absolutely opposed to any plan of patronage that will make the fire department the football of politics.

A STRIKE FOR LIFE

There is something more than money demands involved in the great strike of garment-makers in New York. The unionized workers are protesting against the conditions under which their trade is carried on.

The revolt against long hours of labor in dark basements, in tenements crowded to suffocation, in the midst of dirt, disease-breeding dust and among fellow-workers suffering from loathsome and infectious illness, is more determined than the revolt against low wages.

A month ago New York was shocked by the revelations of a social investigator who found gross violations of the law in the employment of women and children. Babies less than five years old were driven to work; women in delicate condition were allowed to labor twelve, fourteen, sixteen hours a day. The violation of the law did not extend to all trades, but the garment-making trade was one to which it did extend.

At this distance there is little value in a statement as to the merits of the dispute over wages,

but there is no question that nowhere, in no industry, should human beings be cooped up in foul tenements for long hours of labor, and that nowhere should women and children toil in a hopeless drudgery that takes from them every zest of life and leads to degeneracy, moral and physical, in those who come after them.

HOW THE NEW LIBRARY MAY PERFORM A REAL SERVICE

The doors of the new Carnegie library will be thrown wide within a few weeks, and the Star-Bulletin would suggest that when this splendid and useful structure is ready for the people generally, the library trustees and the librarian arrange to have the reading-room kept open for the public until ten or half-past ten o'clock at night.

The old library closed at 8:30 o'clock at night. At that time the reading-room was almost invariably well-filled with people. Many of them, it was noticed, were elderly men who apparently were without homes unless it were in some hotel room. To turn these people out at 8:30 o'clock, when the evening is not half over, deprives them of any haven but the saloon or a theater. Honolulu is a city of great loneliness for the man without a home and family. The library will be serving a broadly useful purpose if it provides a temporary resting-place and quiet entertainment for the many men,—and not a few women,—who live in small, bare rooms and who find it hard to fill in the evenings.

Another reason for keeping open the library later is to allow use of the reading-room and reference rooms to those who have no time to read during daylight hours and who wish to consult authorities or secure certain books and magazines in the evening.

With the dinner-hour seldom over until seven or half-past seven o'clock, less than an hour is left for one to make use of the public library. Many books and magazines cannot be secured from news-stands and must be consulted at a library.

The cost of keeping the library open for the extra two hours would be slight, consisting mostly of a small sum for additional help and a small sum for lights. The service to the community would be large. It seems to be well worth the consideration of the library authorities.

The question of whether Honolulu wants clean racing was answered yesterday by the thousands of people at Kapiolani park. Honolulu will patronize clean sport, and the promoters of yesterday's successful meet may be relied upon to know that unless the racing is kept out of the hands of gamblers, touts and crooked jockeys it will go to the wall. Racing controlled by responsible businessmen of Hawaii who will conduct it on the high scale of integrity they conduct their own business will be splendidly successful. Generally speaking, the meet yesterday was well handled. Judging by comments of the crowd, the day's entertainment was generous. A high-class card during Floral Parade week will furnish a very good attraction not only for people of Hawaii, but for the thousands of tourists who can no longer see races on the mainland.

Students of far eastern affairs will learn with genuine regret that The Oriental Review, a monthly published in the English language by Japanese with headquarters in New York, has suspended publication. The magazine was founded with the avowed purpose of bringing about a better understanding in the Occident of Japan and the Japanese. It maintained a high editorial standard and contained much valuable information of a general nature concerning Oriental affairs. No reason is given for its suspension, but between the lines of the announcement there is indicated a lack of financial support. The Oriental Review was an inveterate enemy of jingoism and while it lived it performed a real service for Japan.

San Francisco celebrated New Year's Day by ground-breaking for the great exposition of 1915. It is time for Hawaii to be getting down to brass tacks on the territorial exhibit.

That low, vibrant, prolonged noise is merely the breaking of New Year resolutions.

News heading yesterday: "Violinist at Liberty Tonight." Uncanned music?

Turkey is a wise old bird at this game of diplomacy.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ED TOWSE—There ought to be at least 250 automobiles in the next Floral Parade.

A. L. C. ATKINSON—Am I through with the Republican party? Is there a Republican party in Hawaii? I am a Progressive, and the Progressive party is not the Republican party. Yes, I am no longer a Republican.

T. J. RYAN—There is not the slightest question of doubt that in the selection of a governor for Hawaii the secretary of the interior and the president will be guided by the endorsements of the national committee for Hawaii and the party organization here.

PAUL SUPER—I am glad to say that we closed 1912 at the association without a deficit. We are now looking for the money necessary for 1913. We get our money pledged in advance and then act according to our cloth. The more cloth we have the better it is for the city.

CHARLEY HOPKINS—I think Mr. Bush's suggestion that we organize a Floral Parade boosting society here similar to the Royal Rosarians of Portland is good. Why not call 'em the Pua Paraders of the Pacific. Of course, I make this only as a suggestion for Mr. Doyle to percolate.

DR. SCUDDER GREETES FRIENDS IN VERSE

Dr. Doremus Scudder, following his annual custom, is sending out New Year greetings to friends here. This year the verses are as follows:

COMRADES OF THE NEW YEAR.
Amid the happy throng that glad attend

The Year when new,
There is a sweet-faced child whose eyes transcend

The azure blue,
From our whose depths shines ever bright,

And keen to pierce the darkest night
A vision like to God's own light

And even as true,
Faith is her name—

Without her Time would be but blind,
I wish for thee the mind

To choose as Guide this same
The unknown New Year thru.

Will you?
A maiden gayly trips along the way

New Year must tread:
Her face is radiant as a summer's day.

A step ahead
She keeps that he may ever view

Her beauty, hear her laugh, renew
His joy in hers, aye, banish too

All fear of dread.
As Hope she's known—

Without her Time would black-browed be,
I wish the will for thee

To make this Friend thine own
The rainbowed New Year thru.

Will you?
Deep in the heart of the entrancing Youth

We call New Year
Dwelleth a third, more than a Guide,

In sooth,
Than Hope's glad cheer:

The very soul of all that's best
In character, the blithesomest

Of comrades, source of all that's best
In Friendship, Dear

Her name! 'Tis Love—
Without her Time would Gehenna be.

I wish thou'dst make supreme
In life this Queen, above

All else this New Year thru.
Will you?

—DOREMUS SCUDDER.
Honolulu, Hawaii,
January The First, 1913.

MILLION EGGS SOLD IN CHICAGO CAMPAIGN

Permanent Station to Be Maintained to Keep the Prices Down

CHICAGO, December 21.—One million one hundred thousand eggs were sold today under the auspices of the Chicago Clean Food League in the campaign to break the egg market.

This is 400,000 more than were sold yesterday and concludes the selling of eggs in the present campaign to bring the price down. The managers of the sale claim victory and point to the fact that dealers throughout the city have offered for sale guaranteed eggs at the league's price of 25 cents a dozen or less.

A few egg-selling stations will be maintained permanently in different parts of the city, it was announced tonight, as "monitors" to see that the price of eggs is kept down. These, however, will not undertake to supply eggs in great quantities as in the last two days.

The will of the people has disheartened many a candidate.

PERSONALITIES

MR. and MRS. M. JAMES are returning from Canada. They are registered at the Young. They are registered from Canada.

MR. and MRS. ROBERT F. KLEIN, coming from Edmonton, Alberta, are visitors to Hawaii.

W. R. MATTHESON, with the Pacific Mail Company, is a passenger to the Korea, en route to Japan.

MRS. FRANK THOMPSON was a departing passenger for the Coast yesterday on the Wilhelm.

MR. COOPER, of the Clarian, departed yesterday for the States on his annual trip in search of the latest and best in his line of trade.

THE MISSES D. and B. HART, WELL were numbered among the passengers who returned to the islands this morning in the Korea.

R. S. HOSMER, superintendent of notes, is back from a business mission that called him to the east some weeks ago. He returned this morning in the Korea.

J. EPSTEIN, a prominent criminal lawyer of Chicago, is numbered among the passengers in the Korea who will remain over at Honolulu for a brief season.

JAMES T. RENFREW, station agent at Hilo, and Miss Vctoria Allen, the principal of the Pepeekeo school, were married last Sunday at the First Foreign Church, Rev. Aug. Dahms officiating.

J. B. MERRITT, a well known thirty-three degree Mason, past grand patron in the Eastern Star, is visiting the islands. Accompanied by Mrs. Merritt, they will remain here for some weeks.

MRS. J. B. MERRITT, prominent in the Eastern Star masonic circles, and who visited the islands some years ago at the time of installation of the order at Hilo, is an arrival in the Korea this morning.

UNITED STATES PAYMASTER W. B. IZARD, from the mainland, who will assume his duties in the islands, is an arrival this morning in the Korea. Paymaster Izard has been awaiting orders at Washington, D. C.

An invitation to the Governor to attend the formal inauguration of William Sulzer, the new governor of New York, at noon on January 1, in the assembly chamber of the capitol building at Albany, arrived in the governor's mail this morning.

A. L. C. ATKINSON, absent from the territory for the past six months, during which time he assumed active duties with the New York headquarters of the Progressive Republican party, returned as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Korea this morning.

HENRY HAPAI, registrar of public accounts left yesterday for Hilo to examine the records of the banks and trust companies on the Big Island.

There are five banks and one trust company in that county. He expects to complete his work and return some time early next week.

DR. WILLIAM A. KORN, an official with the United States Marine Hospital service, was an arrival in the Korea from the Coast this morning. Dr. Korn is en route to the Philippines, but may remain over at Honolulu for some weeks before proceeding to Manila.

DR. VICTOR S. CLARK, who has been on a business mission for the territorial immigration board for the past nine months, is back. He returned in the Pacific Mail steamer Korea this morning. Dr. Clark spent some time traveling throughout Europe and was well at the front at the beginning of hostilities on the Balkan frontier.

PLAN MACHINE

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gated. He has excellent credentials, it is said, and is a man of wide experience and much ability. Also it is believed he will assist his Democratic friends to the accomplishment of their plans.

The next step will be appointment of Robt. W. Cathcart as chief clerk of the office, and members of the new board who favor the changes have not been backward about expressing their opinion that Cathcart will at once lay off the heads of the clerks who will be under his charge and will substitute others of the Democratic faith as soon as it can be done.

This plan it is proposed to carry out all the way down the line. Lamas will be the next to go, and their places will be filled by men agreeable to the board and the new road supervisor, with the single aim of perfecting the Democratic machine.

The man whose idea all this is said to be Link McCandless. In the carrying out of the work the name of George Baron is mentioned prominently. Nor does the plan halt with the road department. If possible the politicians in the county committee want to rid themselves and the administration of Fire Chief Thurston, with

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the expectation of building up a similar machine in the fire department. To this end it is reported that it is intended either to remove Thurston immediately or to give him the option of resigning office at once or accepting the appointment of a Democratic assistant in place of W. W. Blaisdell, the present assistant chief.

With the police department the politicians believe they will have little trouble. Sheriff Jarrett is a Democrat and while he has stood firmly against the spoils system in his department, it is believed that sufficient pressure can be brought to bear by the politicians of the McCandless-Baron faction to force him to come to time and toe the mark as the leaders see it.

Caller—You know, there was something I wanted to say to you, but it has quite gone out of my mind. I can't remember what it was.

Maiden (hopefully)—It wasn't good night, was it?

"Do you think fishing is a congenial recreation for really brainy men?"

"Undoubtedly. It takes a really smart person to think up any really new stories to tell when he gets home."

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